

Griffmen Have First Outdoor Work---M'Graw Stirs Up Wrath of Englishmen

YOUNGSTERS GET FIRST OUTDOOR WORK IN CAMP, RUNNING ROUND TRACK

Mike Martin, Taking Advantage of Warming Sun, Chases Athletes Mile on Virginia's Saucer—Trainer Puts Ban on Basketball Practice for the Future.

By THOMAS KIRBY.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Feb. 25.—Washington's contingent of baseball players got their first touch of outdoors this morning when Mike Martin ordered all hands out on the board track, on which the University of Virginia track team does its training.

The squad trotted about the saucer for about a mile, after which it rushed back to the showers and then was through for the day. Before going outside, Jack Ryan and Martin had the whole gang in the gymnasium tossing the baseball, but the trainer put the ban on all basketball for the future, claiming that the men got so strenuous in tossing the ball that they were likely to hurt themselves.

Nick Altrock, who is one of our leading short sleepers, was up early this morning, and got Jack Bentley and Ed Ainsmith out for a run after the rabbits.

But they were back on time, and when "uniforms" was sounded, the trio was ready for the first section of the daily work, by which it is expected to condition the men who are to carry the Washington flag in the coming battle for baseball fame, fortune and glory.

Today dawned clear and cool, holding out further promise of getting the club out for regular work earlier than was expected when the athletes arrived here.

Edward Cotton, a volunteer who blew into this town last night and asked that he get a trial with the Nationals, had his first workout this morning. After the regular players had been shoed into the dressing room, Jack Ryan took glove in hand and caught a few which the pitcher served up. Cotton batted from Exira, Iowa, where he has been playing amateur, semi-pro and near-professional baseball for the past few years. He will not be made a regular member of the baseball party until after the arrival of Clark Griffith, who will pass expert judgment on his capabilities and then decide whether he will be retained for further tests.

This town is speedily assuming appearance of being a baseball training camp rather than a practice field for Arctic explorers.

The sun got in some real work during the hours it was on the job yesterday afternoon and while it is rather bleak, stormy, and chilly, the indications are that it will not be long before the Nationals will be out in the open. Jack Ryan and a corps of laborers at the field until dinner time last night and he succeeded in getting a liberal proportion of the snow piled away, but it will require several more hours before the whole stretch is cleared and exposed for the drying-out, when the men are quartered in the overflow structure which will house all the youthful talent once Mr. Griffith arrives and makes his final assignment of the men.

The all-important question of the "wax" has been satisfactory. The meat and butter, which is shipped from Washington, has yet to be complained about, while carboys of spring water are brought in from a resort a few miles away.

Jack Ryan shot over some more discipline today when he served notice on every player in camp that there is to be no more cigarette smoking during the stay here.

This goes rather hard on a couple of

CORNELLIANS MAY GIVE ANOTHER SILVER CUP

By BRYAN MORSE.

The Washington high schools may receive another silver cup to be put up as a perpetual trophy in either football or baseball, if the plans of the undergraduates from Washington at Cornell University carry.

H. H. Micou, representing the Washington boys at Cornell, is in communication with the authorities here to ascertain just what steps are necessary in order to have the proposed cup accepted for competition.

"The Washington undergraduates at Cornell University want to offer a trophy for competition in football," writes Micou. "Just what steps are necessary or what athletic association will receive the proposition?" queries the Cornell man.

Washington University Alumni Association members put up a permanent trophy several years ago. An annual feature of the interhigh school championship football games is the presentation of the big silver cup. When won three times the cup becomes the permanent possession of the school winning.

The high school athletic advisers must decide where the annual baseball games will be played this season, and must also select an umpire from a list submitted for consideration. The schedule is decided upon, but the teams are unable to locate for the series.

The dates follow:
April 21—Central vs. Business.
May 12—Central vs. Eastern.
May 24—Tech vs. Business.
May 31—Central vs. Eastern.
May 31—Eastern vs. Tech.
May 31—Business vs. Western.
May 31—Western vs. Tech.
May 31—Business vs. Eastern.
May 31—Tech vs. Central.

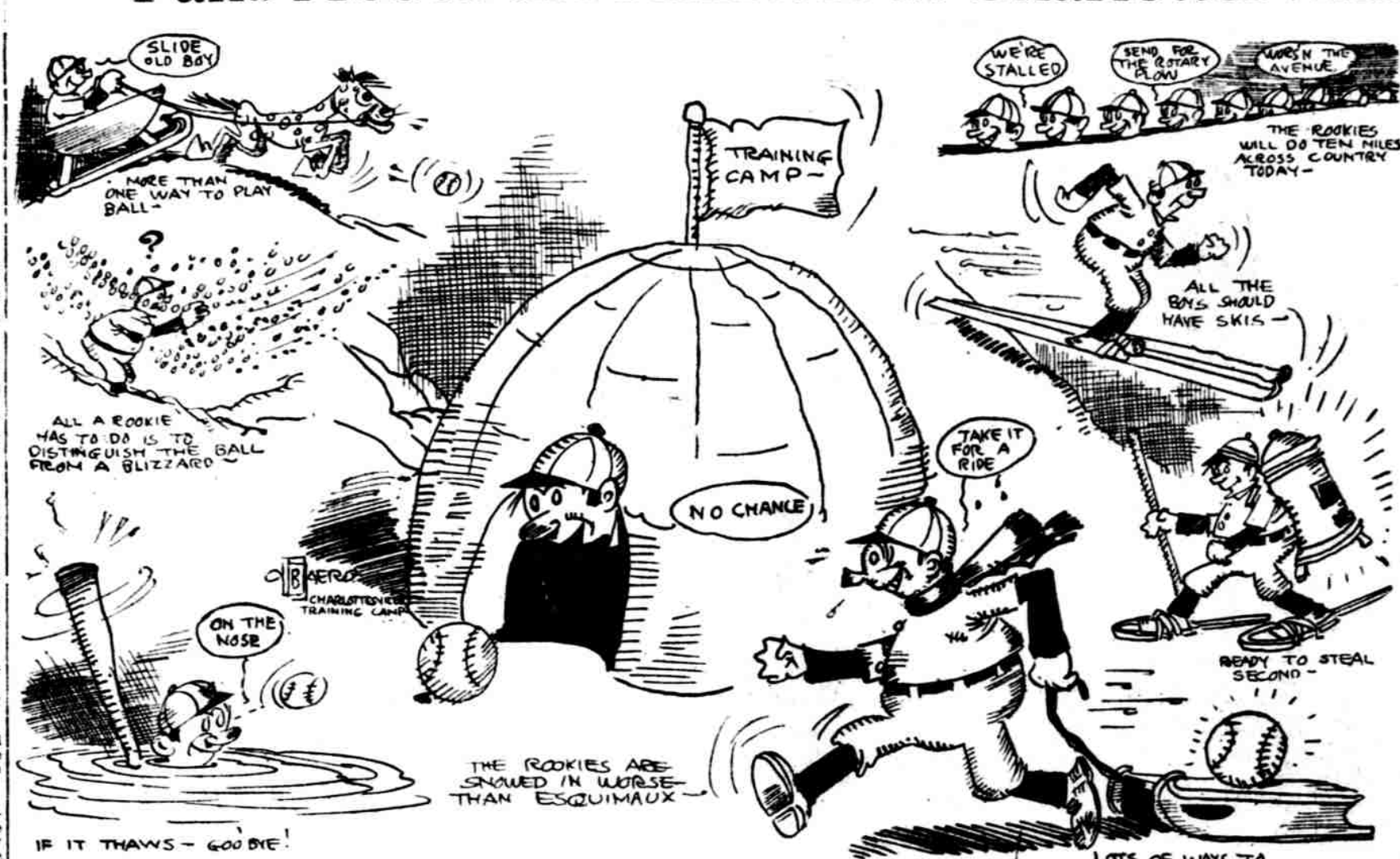
No date has been selected for the annual high school championship football games. It is not unlikely that overtures will be made to the Catholic school for boys, which kindly offered the use of Satterlee Field last year.

Cornell University is giving a big intercollegiate meet on about the middle of April, and expects to send substantial guarantees to the Washington schoolboy athletes who can find time to take the trip.

It is about time to look over the high school basketball teams for the selection of an all-high team. The teams in the intercollegiate championship circuit will furnish the players to be considered for the positions. Although Friends, Gonzaga and the Georgetown Preps have several players that would unquestionably make the team were they in the league.

Of forwards there are plenty: Brewer

"Bugs" Baer Has Something to Tell to the Fans About the Athletes at Charlottesville



By "BUGS" BAER.

JOHNSON EXPECTED TO SHOW TOMORROW

King of Twirlers Coming to Capital to Try Out His Latest Motor Car.

Walter Johnson, king of pitchers, is expected to arrive here tomorrow on Friday, though he will not leave for Charlottesville until March 5, the date set for the regulars to show up at the training camp. Johnson is coming here principally to try out his motor car, presented to him last fall at the world's series for being the leading twirler in captivity, but he will also take the time to visit many of his friends in the Capital before heading for Virginia.

John Henry, first string backstop, is due here Friday, though he will not go to the Nationals until March 5. Henry is in good condition, following a winter's work with the Ambertown Indians. He will be accompanied by his brother, who will need much work in order to get into trim.

Manager Griffith is cleaning up all the ragged edges of his office duties before leaving for Charlottesville, Sunday. Hank Skanks, Monaca Marvel, is due here by Saturday to accompany the Old Fox to the camp.

CHICAGO MEN EAGER TO BY TAFT'S CLUB

One Syndicate Ready to Offer Million Dollars for Controlling Interest in Cubs.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Local fans who want to see the Cubs a Chicago-owned team awaited with tense interest today the negotiations of several Chicago men, each representing a syndicate of local would-be baseball magnates, who were in the city to see the manager of the Cubs, who is expected to leave for the Cubs in a few days.

Two Wrestling Bouts On Card for Tonight

Two all-star wrestling bouts will be staged at the National Hotel tonight. Joe Turner meeting Joe Williams in the final event, and Tom Duchesne hooking up with Ernest Pileau in a co-main event.

Joe Turner, champion welterweight wrestler of the Pacific Coast, and is not so well known in this city as his opponent, Tom Duchesne, of Fall River, Mass. He is expected to prove a tough fighter, though, and Duchesne will be forced to the limit to win.

The first bout will be started promptly at 8:30 o'clock.

Moffatt Is Dead.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Alexander Moffatt, one of Princeton's greatest football players in the eighties, is dead here of pneumonia. He was one of the original members of the Princeton football team, organized eighteen years ago, and has always kept up his interest in the college sport.

Makes New Record.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Willie Hoppe defeated George Sison in the second round of 100 points in the 1500 championship boxing match, which was held at the Chicago Athletic Club.

Hoppe ran out in four innings, an average of 135, a new world record.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Feb. 25.—Mike Martin's herd of storm-tossed athletes hit the town of Charlottesville about the same time that a fine young blizzard registered, and it was a toss-up as to who attracted the most attention. Most of the natives had an eyeful of blizzard, but managed to focus the other peeper on the boys, as they dashed wildly along like a flock of sheep in the rear of Mike Martin and Jack Ryan.

The trip down was uneventful, outside of Nick Altrock's so-called singing. Every time Nick yodeled, the passengers thought it was the engineer blowing for a grade crossing. The train tangoed along the snow-choked rails in fairly keen fashion even though it did do a "hesitation" once in a while.

The ride wasn't an hour old before the rookies were hollering for cats; and you can figure the indignation when they reached Mrs. Saunders' to find that the cats were not ready. There was a weeping and gnashing of teeth, and much wailing, mostly on the part of Jim Shaw, who is the finest all-around eater in the crew.

When the board was finally decorated, the lads draped themselves around the table and fell to it tooth and nail. Outside of Harry Harper losing a mashed potato off his knife, there were no fatalities.

If all these boys can pitch like they can eat, there is nothing to it. All we have to do is to scold our way into the pennant, and they are liable to eat that.

The thermometer dropped 25 degrees in one day, but it has not got a thing on the baseball temperature. The snow caused that to fall about a million degrees. The only training the rookies can get down here in the next week or so is how to become young Doc Cooks or polar bears.

The boys will train in Fayerweather gymnasium, but they ought to change the name after the example of weather we had yesterday.

If, as Clark Griffith claimed, the hot weather hurt his chances last year, he should not be alarmed about that happening here.

Everyone is in good shape, although Joe Engel wept a trifle because he forgot to bring his tango pumps along.

Dick Williams beat the bunch to the cats. There were about fifteen hard-boiled eggs on the table, and before anyone got a chance, Dick had run pool on the whole frame, and shouted for the cook to set them up again.

Jack Mumford and Schwartz boarded the trolley to go down town, and so much weight on the front platform caused the front to dip into the snow while the rear of the car shot into the air. This lifted the propeller out of the water and it churned the air like a pinwheel. Finally the boys distributed their bulk and the car galloped on merrily.

Mike Martin promises to have the boys out in a day or two, if only the sun comes out, but unless the shipment of snow sleds and skis come down, we fail to see what good it will do. The snow is about three inches deep on the level, but it isn't always on the level; sometimes it cheats and gets about a foot deep.

Outside of eating and sleeping, there was not much accomplished yesterday, but if you want to see some big league eaters just travel down and listen to the boys gnawing their way through the menu.

They are natural eaters, and hit from both sides of the plate. Mike Martin was so crowded for space, that some of the newspaper men had to go to a hotel downtown.

The rooms are fine, except that they seem to be wearing their wallpaper a little loose this year.

Chicago Dogs Run Off With Prizes in Big Show

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Chicago dogs were in attendance here on the big Westminster Kennel Club show today, and were paid over two big wins for their team through Alexander T. Stewart, capturing the prizes for English bulldogs and Airedales.

In bulls, Strathairn Prince Albert, best dog last year, repeated with winner, Thomas W. Lawson's Dreamworld. Irish Boy was reserve. In best of English sex, Lawson's Dreamworld again was placed, runner-up by Charles Beatty's, the English bulldog, while Champion, Cassie Benton, Rockfords kennels, was reserve.

Red Sox Under Way.

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—Manager Bill Carrigan of the Red Sox, followed by First Baseman Enrie, Catcher Chas. Outfielder Roundtree and Pitcher Donald M. Sullivan, left yesterday for Hot Springs, Ark. The advance guard, which is due there Thursday morning, will be joined en route by Wagner, Collins, Garlow and Gougeon at Albany.

Gets Half Million.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—According to "inside" information, Charlie Murphy received \$500,000 for his life's share of stock in the Chicago Cubs.

At first he wanted \$10,000 a share, but finally concluded to take the offer.

KID ELBERFELD MAY BE REGULAR PLAYER

Chance That Manager Robinson Will Use Veteran at Short for Superbas.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Feb. 25.—Pitchers Pennington, Nevenhouse, and Ring, all Brooklynites, arrived here late yesterday and reported to Manager Robinson in time to get a little workout at Warren Park. Previous to their arrival, the Dodgers had not in two good games, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

The war correspondents who arrived with the recruits were more than surprised to find Robinson busy with some of the men in the sliding pit.

Kirkpatrick's jump back to the Federal League is not worrying Robinson after seeing Kid Elberfeld's work around Shanghai the last two days.

Robbie is willing to bet almost anything that the one-time American League star would jump up better at short than several men drawing down the money for filling that position.

Elberfeld is enough shrewd as a coach, but Robbie is likely to use him as a regular player.

CHARLIE BOLD NOW DISPLAYING CLASS

Former Georgetown Student Makes Hit at First Base With Rickey's Brownies.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 25.—Branch Rickey thinks he has discovered a phenomenal first base candidate in Charlie Bold, the former Georgetown student. The youngster, whose home is in Boston, Mass., stands 6'2" in his socks, weighs close to 200 pounds, and is as shifty as a cat. He has been in the city since he left Chase around in the corner. Inasmuch as the boys have yet to get their throwing arms in shape, Bold is having every opportunity to show his ability in digging up hot heaves and pulling down high ones. That he is a success goes without saying. Right now he looks like the best first baseman in the lot.

"This kid Bold looks like my first baseman," said Manager Rickey today. "He has the necessary size and heeling ability. If he can hit good batting, I guess he'll start the season at first base."

Virginia Team Will Be Seen Here Tomorrow

Though all athletic relations between Virginia and Georgetown have been severed, the Orange and Blue basketball team, considered the best in the old Dominion, will be seen in action here when it faces the strong Virginia team tomorrow night at the National Guards Gym.

Police Save Johnson From Mob in Paris

Jack Johnson doesn't break into American print often now, unless he is arrested or engaged in some sort of a brawl. Johnson was probably saved from being mobbed in Paris last night by the police, after he had missed a fight with John. Johnson was probably saved from being mobbed in Paris last night by the police, after he had missed a fight with John.

Have Jumped to Outlaws

Ralph Bates, the outfielder with the Griffins in 1912 for a short time, is said to have jumped to the Federal League last year. He was the best gardener with the Griffins team, and was counted on to return this year. Bates says the Pittsburgh Federals will pay him big league money and that he can't afford to lose his chance.

LONDON INCENSED AT M'GRAW'S STATEMENT; MAY BOYCOTT PLAYERS

Giants' Manager Says American Soldiers Are Better Than British and Whole City Is Wild—Controversy Raging in Capital and Becomes Really Serious.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—John J. McGraw, manager of the New York Giants and one of the world's touring baseball players here now, has started a controversy that may mean trouble. He declared that American soldiers are superior to the British because of the athletic discipline in the United States and because every American soldier has learned to play baseball, and through that game has benefited his mind as well as his body.

This aroused a storm of protest, chief of which came in an editorial in the Pall Mall Gazette, a London daily, which, among other things, stated that McGraw was "impertinent." The editorial went on to say that McGraw possibly was not in a position to criticize either the English or American soldiers, and wound up by stating that the British soldiers undoubtedly lead the world in efficiency in every department.

Other London newspapers took up the discussion, but it was noticeable that most of them sided with McGraw and agreed that one would have to go a long way to find a more suitable soldier than those serving under the Stars and Stripes.

Everywhere on the streets the residents are discussing the interview. It has an ominous sound that may mean a boycott at the game to be played here Thursday at the Chelsea Cricket Club grounds. Some of the more influential Americans here are trying to get King George V to attend the game, which may have a tendency to offset the feeling aroused by McGraw's statements. King George has received a personal invitation and he has not declined yet.

OFFERS FALKENBERG LARGE SUM TO JUMP

Charlie Somers Hangs Out Cash Bait and Twirler Is Now Considering.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 25.—Officials of the Cleveland Naps today started to battle for the possession of Fred Falkenberg, the "Human Hatpin," who is sadly needed to bolster up the Naps' pitching staff.

Falky deserted to the Federal camp a few weeks ago by accepting a contract for three years at \$5,000 per year, \$5,000 of which was paid at once.

Today it was learned that C. W. Somers, president of the Cleveland Baseball Company, had offered Falkenberg a contract for three years at \$10,000 per year and stipulated that he would pay all the expenses of his trip to Cleveland, but burden arising from court action if Falky would jump his Fed contract and land back with the Naps.

It was further learned that Somers offered to give Falky a new suit of clothes and would outbid the Naps on any proposition they might make. He declared Falky would be taken back into the fold and would be given the very best of treatment.

Falkenberg is considering the offer, and according to persons who are close to the Naps owner and the elongated pitcher, is most ready to desert the tribe of Glimore.

To Decide Coach.

Decision as to the baseball coach at Central will be made this week, according to those who have control of the destinies of the team at the O street school. Several players have been mentioned for the position, but no name has been picked as yet.

Johnson Wins.

Johnson defeated Purcell in the pocket billiards tourney at the Royal Albert last night at St. Tonight, Swan meets Bartelmus.

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HANK IS WORRYING ABOUT HIS BERTH

Cubs' Manager Wonders Where He Stands, Now That Murphy Is Out of Baseball.

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 25.—Hank O'Day, the new manager of the decapitated Cubs, is worried. He wants a line on the real dope in the Murphy case, and wants it fresh from the official feed box.

"Here it is three days after the affair broke," said Hank, planting himself in front of a sumptuous repast tonight. "and I have not heard a word from the front other than the reports you newspaper men brought me. I don't doubt that something happened at the Cincinnati meeting. I've been sitting in front of the telegraph booth at the hotel here since breakfast and I haven't heard a word."

For years he has wanted to sit in as manager of a team with pennant prospects and this season he hoped to realize his burning ambition. Of course he is a safe bet for an unimpaired berth should the new powers that be decide to change managers. Then, too, the terms of his contract must be fulfilled by the National League officials.



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